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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXTENSION OF CHARTER UNDERSTANDING.

1. AT ELEVENTH HOUR ON MARCH 20 NACA RECOMMENDED US-UK NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO AMENDMENT CHARTER UNDERSTANDING TO AFFECT GENERAL UK ACCEPTANCE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN CHARTER RULES TO ACCOMPLISH INTER ALIA ELIMINATION UK 30-DAY PRE-MANIFESTING REQUIREMENT AND UK RESTRICTIONS ON SPLIT TGC/ITC CHARTERS. AS RESULT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, CAB ON MARCH 25 CALLED MEETING TO DETERMINE INDUSTRY VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO ALTERNATIVES OF EXTENDING AGREEMENT IN PRESENT FORM OR SEEKING AMENDMENT TO IT WITH HOST OF OBVIOUS PROBLEMS.

2. VARIOUS INDUSTRY POSITIONS FOLLOW:

A. NACA--NACA BELIEVES THAT CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION PRESENT AGREEMENT UNACCEPTABLE. BRITISH

FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REGULATIONS HAS
CREATED BURDEN ON US SUPPLEMENTALS WITH RESULTING DIVERSION
OF TRAFFIC TO OTHER EUROPEAN POINTS AND DECLINE OF US
SUPPLEMENTALS' SHARE OF MARKET. NACA ALSO ASSERTED BRITISH
SHARE WILL IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY THIS YEAR.

B. TWA AND PAN AM--BOTH CARRIER REPS INDICATED
UNHAPPINESS WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BRITISH CHARTER
PROCEDURES (E.G., 30-DAY PREMANIFESTING REQUIREMENT).
ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, BOTH CARRIERS EXPRESSED BELIEF
AGREEMENT SHOULD BE EXTENDED. (FYI. BOTH CARRIERS
OBVIOUSLY HAVE TGC FLIGHTS PLANNED WHICH WOULD BE
JEOPARDIZED IN ABSENCE AGREEMENT. END FYI.) FINALLY
NEITHER PAN AM NOR TWA EXPRESSED STRONG EXCEPTION TO
CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO FAVORABLE MODIFICATION
OF CHARTER AGREEMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER EMBASSY

VIEWS OF SITUATION IN CONSIDERING QUESTION. THEREFORE
REQUEST EMBASSY'S BEST ASSESSMENT OF FOLLOWING AND ANY
OTHER COMMENTS EMBASSY BELIEVES PERTINENT TO REACHING
DECISION:

(A) LIKELY HMG REACTION TO PROPOSAL TO EXTEND FOR 30 DAYS
TGC/ABC MOU PENDING TALKS TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS DESIRED
BY USG.

(B) WHETHER HMG LIKELY TO RAISE OTHER TOPICS DURING SUCH
CONSULTATIONS AND IF SO WHICH TOPICS.

(C) LIKELIHOOD OF ANY IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION DESIRED
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